

Scott: I would like to see us put something in the bulletin each week to keep our members focused on giving. Perhaps we could squeeze it in the back. Something like the following paragraphs.

GIVING

Our church lives and ministers today because members give. Through times of joy and hardship, plenty and lack, our members remembered our priority—a commitment to Jesus Christ through the ministries of the Church. Giving is an act of worship, which calls us to treat each gift with gratefulness, reverence, and transparency.

We encourage our members to be purposeful in giving. If you can't tithe—giving 10% of your income—choose a level of giving that is possible (any percentage or amount). Perhaps the following year, you will be able to do more. Make it a family matter of discussion and commitment. Wherever you find yourself, choose to give and be faithful in the choice. We are part of a long journey of faithful giving.

FINAL "WORDS"

For 190 years, our church has been a voice of hope and encouragement; we want to ensure it remains strong for years to come. In truth, our final words to our family and faith community are often found in the pages of our estate plans—what we do with what we have. A planned gift, which costs little or nothing today, allows us to support our church when we are no longer here.

There are many ways to include our church with a planned gift. We can help you get started. Contact the church office or visit our website at _____ for more information.

Pledge Cards

(I would like to see us add the following checkboxes to the Pledge Cards we give out each year. People want to be able to check that box; it makes you feel good and I believe it will encourage others to do so.)

I have included FBCX in my estate plans.

I would like someone from church to contact me about including FBCX in my estate plans.